Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc.

GIRL SCOUTS

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News and Views from our Membership

Winter 1995

Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Rises to the Occasion

Mint chocolate marble cheesecake, cherry almond crumble and coconut tiramisu were just some of the scrumptious homemade desserts vying for first place at the Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off '95 held at the Radisson Hotel in Cheektowaga, October 5.

Supporters of Girl Scouting packed the glitzy Courtyard Room as local restaurants flexed their culinary muscles and showcased their mouth-watering desserts using Girl Scout cookies. This year's Bake-Off judges, who had the difficult task of tasting all the toothsome treats, included Channel 7's Air-Born Eddie, Councilman Al Cappola, Erie County Legislator Crystal Peoples and Senator Mary Lou Rath. A total of 14 restaurants and bakeries competed for the first, second and third place spots. This year's winners included: first place to Giacobbi's for its Samoa Almond Delight; second place to Orazio's for its Tag-Along-With-Me Peanut Butter Pie; and third place to the Old Red Mill Inn for its King Midas Torte.

Right: Senator Mary Lou Rath (left) taking a break from judging with Asst. Executive Director Linda Murphy (center) and Executive Director Simone Mitchell-Peterson (right). Far right: Girls enjoying a bite of Giacobbi's "Samoa Almond Delight" which took first-place.

Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is traditionally a time to thank our friends for their continued support of Girl Scouting.

Throughout the year, we value your dedication and commitment, but it's at this special time of the year where we want to especially emphasize our gratitude for serving the needs of our girls.

From the Board of Directors and staff of the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, we wish to extend seasons greetings and a happy, healthy New Year to you and your family.

Catharine M. Weiss
President

Simone Mitchell-Peterson
Executive Director/CEO

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A Letter from the President

I would like to share with you some of my thoughts about Girl Scout meetings that I attended this fall. The Executive Director and her staff gave a presentation to Service Unit Managers & Association Chairs in October. They described many approaches to providing assistance to operational volunteers that the council now provides. They further detailed some innovative plans for future changes which should improve the delivery of services to the field. Information was also provided about insurance, business services, finances and training. In my experience, it was one of the most comprehensive and well-organized offerings of its kind. I know the staff has more such meetings planned, and I hope many of you will be able to attend.

The Long Range Strategic Planning Task Group planned and hosted a second rewarding meeting. In October, our Board of Directors adopted new mission and vision statements for the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County. Policy makers and influencers were invited to a special meeting on November 1, and were asked for suggestions on how to make this vision a reality in the next five years. Their recommendations will be incorporated into a strategic plan to be presented at the annual meeting. I hope to have another meeting in the spring to address council policies.

On beahlf of the Board of Directors and myself, I want to personally wish you Happy Holidays. Thank you for all that you have done this year for Girl Scouting.

As always, your suggestions, questions and comments on any subject are appreciated. Please address them to me at the council office.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Catharine M. Weiss

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President

Referrals-Council Nomination Committee

Just a reminder that we need your help in recommending individuals for the following four posts: Board of Directors, Council Nominating Committee, a Senior Girl Scout representative on the Board and Delegates for the 1996 National Convention in Texas.

To be eligible as a national delegate, individuals must be U.S. citizens, registered Girl Scouts at least 14 years of age, able to participate for a 3-year term, willing to prepare themselves thoroughly on the issues and business that will come before the National Council, as well as able to attend local meetings and orientations in preparation for the convention. Please return the referral form no later than January 1, 1996

Prospect Referral Form

Return to: Ellie Barker, Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc., 70 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214 by 1/96.

Referral for : _____ Board Member-At-Large/Officer
_____ Girl Representative on Board (age 14-18)
_____ Council Nominating Committee
_____ National Delegate

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____
Business/occupation _____
Is this person currently a Girl Scout member? _____
Referred by: Name _____
Street _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Editor's Corner

During the holiday season, it's not unusual to reflect on one's religious beliefs. Today, many Americans are reaffirming their spirituality. A recent Gallup poll showed that 4 out of 10 adults surveyed say they attend worship services in any given week. A *U.S. News & World Report* survey claims that 95 percent of Americans say they believe in God or a universal spirit. Charitable giving to religious institutions in this country totals more than $38 billion annually, according to the same source.

The motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one and becoming a better member of one's own religious group is encouraged through participation in our movement. While we do not endorse one religion or philosophy over another, we recognize and respect the deep commitment to faith by members of our movement. Through our local churches, synogogues, mosques and other houses of worship, we can work together to achieve common goals, and set the stage for our young people to grow into productive citizens.

When Julliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, she did not envision today's societal problems such as drug abuse, environmental perils and racial and ethnic discord. Such issues often plague our children with difficult moral dilemmas. Working in partnership with various local houses of worship, Girl Scouting helps girls and young women in Erie County to meet the complex challenges that face them as they become adults.

Best to you and your family during this holiday season!

Jeannie Hwang Ng

Jeannie Hwang Ng
Director, Public Information

Property Updates

In order to offer our girls and adults a fun-filled and safe camping experience, we are continuously working to make improvements to our camps. This year, the following projects have been completed in order to continue the high standards we strive to maintain.

Camp Green Lake:

- New gas furnace in Yates Lodge
- New gas service lines from road to buildings
- Added insulation to ceiling of Yates Lodge
- New hot water tank in Mariner Lodge

Camp Sky High:

- New gas service lines from road to buildings
- New gas furnace in North Star Lodge

Camp Seven Hills:

Goodyear Area
- Replaced dining hall cooking and work area floors with quarry tile
- Purchased 5 acres of property along main entrance road of camp

Lakeside Area
- Made final payment on 44 acres of land purchased in 1992 bordering southwest side of property

Manuel Lodge
- Replaced underground heating oil tank with above ground type and shed
- Replaced roof and added insulation
- Replaced windows, siding and porch front of building

The following buildings at Seven Hills are now protected against lightning thanks to an in-kind gift. The project, valued at over $24,000,was completed at no cost to the council:

Maintenance Property Shc
Hammond House Lodge
Manuel Lodge
Empire State Lodge
Lakeside Dining Hall
Horse Barn with Arena
Sports Complex Shower House
Goodyear Dining Hall

Council Column

We're delighted to welcome Antoniette Anderson, the new Membership/Older Girl Specialist to the council. Prior to her new position, Antoniette was a Girl Scout Project Director for the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Antoniette is an ardent supporter of Girl Scouting; for eight years, she was a Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scout Leader and also served two years as a Service Unit Manager. She, her husband and daughter reside in Buffalo.

We'd also like to welcome Sharon L. Bassette as the new Office Services Clerk. Sharon's major responsibilities will include word processing, assisting with the mail services and offering telephone support. Before joining Girl Scouts, she was the Assistant Front End Manager at Tops Markets. Sharon is a graduate of St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY with a dual B.A. degree in gerontology and psychology. A longtime native of Buffalo, she currently resides in Grand Island.

Also joining the council is Maria D. Diaz, as the new Membership Outreach Specialist. In her new position, Maria will use her bilingual skills to service the Spanish-speaking population of Buffalo. Prior to joining Girl Scouts, Maria was a Case Manager for Heritage Centers, an organization which serves individuals who are mentally retarded and/or developmentally disabled. Born and raised on the West Side, Maria still resides in Buffalo.

Getting Connected at the Council

Occasionally, our members have questions but aren't quite sure who to call to get them answered. To avoid confusion and to get you connected to the appropriate person as quickly as possible, we have listed the following individuals available to asssist you.

Membership Specialists
Antoniette Anderson
Pleasant Barker
Deb Bechtel
Sheila Gillert
Mary Washington
Maria Diaz

Business Services
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Sharon Bassette

Membership Registration
Ruth Hawthorne

Cookies/QSP
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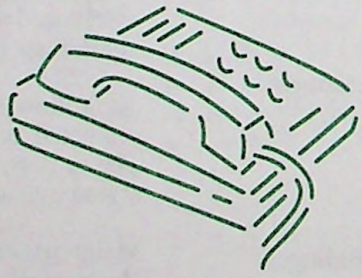

Fund Development
Barbara Abdoo
Shelby Deck

L.L. Green (council shop)
June Peterson

Program
Jill Townson (content questions)
Kathy Hawerbier

Program, Camp & Adult Development Registration
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Outdoor Programs & Camping
Janet DePetrillo

Public Information
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Jenny Sinatra

Adult Development
Jae Frost

Fund Development News

1994-95 Juliette Gordon Low Society Donors

Thank you very much to all of you who supported the 1994-95 Annual Giving Campaign. Your support demonstrates your commitment to ensuring the continued growth of the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. The Juliette Gordon Low Society recognizes individuals who have supported the organization at the following giving levels:

Founder's Circle - $1,000 and above
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Edward & Jane Carlsen, Sr.
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Mary Washington
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Juliette Low World Friendship Fund Donors

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was established by GSUSA in 1927. Support to this fund provides opportunities for exchange visits between Girl Scouts in the United States and Girl Guides in other countries. The following Service Units made gifts to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund during the 1994-95 fiscal year:

Altomi Service Unit
Crabapple Service Unit
Hopkins-Country Parkway Service Unit
Lancaster Service Unit
North Park Service Unit
Orchard Park Service Unit
Sweethome Service Unit
Tonaco Service Unit
Troop #908 - Crabapple Service Unit
Troop # 994 - Swiftwater Service Unit
Wide Meadows Service Unit

Fund Development News

1995 Golf Classic

The Girl Scout Council's Annual Golf Classic once again proved to be a tremendous success, generating $15,803 to support council programs. We'd like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their support of this year's event:

Major Sponsors
American Airlines
Little Brownie Bakers
National Fuel

Patron Sponsor
M&T Bank

Additional Corporate Sponsors
Ablest Temporary
Buffalo Brewing Company
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Festival Salads
Fleet Bank
Friends of Rehak
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Canada's Wonderland
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Days Inn, Toronto, CANADA
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Duff's Sheridan Patio
Eagle House Restaurant
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Marineland
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Olympia Club
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Orchard Downs Restaurant
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Ramada Renaissance Hotel & Suites
Royal Ontario Museum
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Samuel's Grande Manor
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Studio Arena
Swing In Time Golf Shops
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Louis & Betty Baumann
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John & Kathy Bucierka
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Wayne & Barbara Chelikowsky
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Steve Hanley
Jack & Kathy Hunt
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Jack Olsen
Elizabeth Pap
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Bob Pollock
Paul Powell
Jamie & Kelly Rehak
Jim Rehak
John Rehak, Jr.
Paul Robillard
Jill Sage
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Dr. V. Vongtama
Charles & Catharine Weiss
William Weiss

Look Out Ma Bell - Here Comes the Phonathon!

The Girl Scout phonathon has taken a new twist this year; it will take place over 40 evenings from February to April, contrary to last year's 15. Ellie Barker has once again accepted the tremendous task of chairing the phonathon.

☎ How can you help? ☎

- ☎ Identify enthusiastic parents and interested adults who are willing to make calls or assist with volunteer recruitment.
- ☎ Organize a full evening of phoning for your service unit by recruiting the adult callers.
- ☎ Organize a group of your co-workers to make calls from your work site or from the Girl Scout Service Center.
- ☎ Personally volunteer your time to make calls on one or more evenings.

The phonathon is the largest single source or annual giving income for the council. Together, we can reach great goals. To offer your ideas and support, please contact Ellie Barker at 693-8035. Thank you in advance for your help.

Training News

Get Ready for a Caribbean Spring Fling

Sure, we're only into December, but it's never too early to think about the 8th Annual Spring Fling which will be held March 15-17,1996 at the Sheraton Inn Airport. This year's event will welcome the warm season with a Caribbean theme.

For a mere $13, you can enjoy some of the exciting workshops planned especially for this event. Some of the activities offered this year include: a workshop by Mischler's Florist, field trips, aerobics, Victorian bottle decorating, stress management, wine tasting, decorating with Calico Corners, general nutrition, coffee talk and Tai Chi Kwan.

And don't forget Saturday night's banquet which will be our traditional Awards & Recognitions Dinner.

Reservation information will be mailed in January. For more information, please contact the Activities Registrar at the Service Center.

New Trainer Training

On March 30-31, 1996 a certification course for prospective council Trainers is being held at Camp Piperwoods, Genesee Valley Girl Scout Council. This is an intense, information-packed weekend which helps prepare adult volunteers to become highly effective trainers. The course is held in a casual camp setting, with meals and materials provided. One of the best teaching tools used for this training is the presentation of an actual mini-workshop planned by the participants.

This course is presented by Certified Instructors of Council Trainers, Jae Frost of the Buffalo & Erie County Girl Scout Council and Welthy Christman of the Genesee Valley Girl Scout Council.

If you're interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Jae Frost, Director of Adult Development, at the service center for further details.

Shop Talk

If you're looking for that special Girl Scout item, try us! We have a large selection of items that make great gift ideas!

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Also, it doesn't hurt to plan ahead for your badges and pins, so avoid disappointment and purchase them early!

If you have any questions, please call L.L. Green at 837-6400 ext. 235.
Shop hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to the members of the Northtowns Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, (ABWA). Their personal efforts will aid many of our girl members through their contributions to the Girl Opportunity Fund. In addition, the members generously purchased sashes, handbooks, patches/badges, uniform components, compasses and other Girl Scout items at a special ABWA holiday event to further support Girl Scouting.

A big thank you, again, to all of them for enabling girls to participate in Girl Scout programs and enjoy fun Girl Scout materials.

Service Unit Updates

***Brant Evans Service Unit Senior, Cadette and Junior Girl Scout Leader Debbie MacPherson**, pictured center, along with some other very dedicated women, enjoyed a 20 year Girl Scout camp reunion at Point Breeze Camp, Seven Hills Lakeside. Twenty Girl Scout alumnae attended the event and enjoyed a variety of fun activities: viewing a videotape featuring old photos chronicling the two decades, chowing-down a hearty chicken barbecue dinner and enjoying a festive cake-cutting ceremony. Can't wait for the 30th year reunion!*

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Congratulations to **Jennifer Frommann**, a 1992 Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, who was recently named to the Curriculum Committee of Buffalo State College. Jennifer was a Girl Scout for 11 years and is currently an adult Girl Scout member with the **Hopkins Country Parkway Service Unit**. She is a student administrator in the Student Academic Advisement Office and director of a youth group at Temple Beth Zion.

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Kudos to **Lafayette Skyway Girl Scout, Mary Andres from Cadette Troop 356** for receiving her Silver Award this past spring at the Service Unit Court of Awards Ceremony. As part of her project, Mary taught the Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts in her Service Unit how to use the local library. As a first year Senior Girl Scout, Mary is excited about working on her Gold Award. We salute you, Mary, for proving yourself a role-model for all Girl Scouts!

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Linda Roehner, Leader of Senior Troop 1015 and past Brighton Co-Service Unit Manager, was awarded the St. Elizabeth Seton Award for 1995. Linda was nominated jointly by Sister's Hospital, National Fuel, past Brighton Co-Service Unit Manager Denise Emminger, Deerhurst Presbyterian Church and the American Lung Association of Western New York. Congratulations, Linda!

Hillary Rodham Clinton Gives Thanks to Local Girl Scouts

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1995

Mrs. Kina Muscato
73 Page Street
Buffalo, New York 14207

Dear Mrs. Muscato:

Thank you for your lovely card. It was thoughtful of you to remember my birthday. Your words of encouragement and support mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

***Girl Scout Leader Kina Muscato of Niagara Frontier Troop 30 and Troop 375** received a personal letter of thanks from the First Lady and Girl Scout National Honorary President Hillary Rodham Clinton. Girls from both troops sent Mrs. Clinton a card wishing her a happy birthday and in turn, she responded with a note thanking them for remembering her October 26th birthday. Now, if we could only find out how old she is...*

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***Grand Island Junior Girl Scout Troop 39** pitched in with the Grand Island Shoreline Beach Sweep, an international event designed to clean along the Niagara River. Pictured with the troop is Girl Scout Leader Liz Wilbert, left, and Councilwoman Marion Fabiano, right.*

Service Unit Updates

The Maple Valley-area Girl Scouts will be celebrating 75 years of Girl Scouting with a variety of activities throughout the 1995-1996 year. Highlighting the anniversary will be a celebration on March 12, 1996 where Girl Scouts will be designing a patch exclusively for Girl Scouting in Maple Valley from 1920 -1995. Happy 75th!

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Rosanne Faulhaber, Lancaster Service Unit Manager and long time Girl Scout, was elected Supreme Chaplin for the Fraternal Order of Orioles in August. She has held many positions during her 15 years as a member of the Orioles. Congratulations, Rosanne!

*Ghoulish girls were par for the course at the **Lafayette Skyway Service Unit** Halloween party. Over 100 Girl Scouts had fiendish fun with activities like decorating pumpkins, fortune telling and competing in a costume contest.*

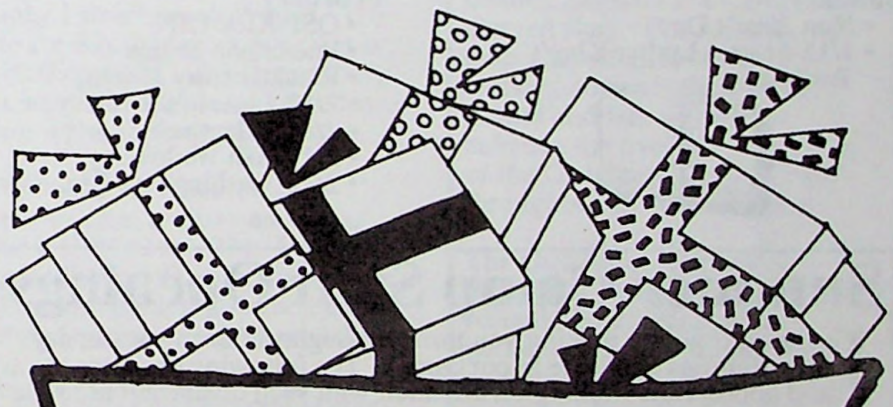
Helping Those in the Virgin Islands

Many Girl Scout councils and individuals have asked how they could be of help to the U.S. Virgin Islands Girl Scout Council which was hit hard by hurricane Marilyn. If you're interested in helping, the council would appreciate receiving any of the following items shipped to the address listed below.

- Girl Scout Program resources
- Girl Scout T-shirts
- Girl Scout girl and adult uniform components
- Girl Scout "program in a box" type materials
- Pocket flashlights and batteries

Please send items to:
U.S. Virgin Islands
Girl Scout Council
c/o Mrs. Alexis Gerard
Executive Director
P.O. Box 761
St. Thomas, VI 00804-0761

Thank you in advance for your support and concern to ensure Girl Scouting continues to reach all girls.



GIFT USA Benefits Girl Scouting

How can you give the perfect gift and support the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County?

GIFT USA, a subsidiary of Reader's Digest/QSP, now offers first-rate, guaranteed gift items such as flowers, gift baskets and jewelry with a portion of these sales benefitting local Girl Scouts. Gifts can be purchased by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-GIFT USA. All items are shipped within 24 hours after making your order.

When ordering gifts, please indicate that you'd like a portion of your purchase to benefit local Girl Scouting. The council will then receive a portion of the price to continue providing Girl Scouting to our girls. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is one of three national not-for-profit organizations which have been invited by Reader's Digest/QSP to participate in, and benefit from, GIFT USA.

Everyone Benefits from QSP Magazine Sale

You might want to check out the expiration dates of your favorite magazine subscriptions...Buffalo-area Girl Scouts will ask neighbors and friends to order new magazine subscriptions, renew current subscriptions, or purchase gift subscriptions for their annual QSP Magazine Sale which will take place from March 2 - March 17.

Profits from the magazine sale benefit participating Girl Scout troops and the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County. With over 700 of the most popular magazines offered at substantial savings to customers, everyone benefits from the sale. If you would like to order a magazine, please call the Girl Scout council at 837-6400.

March
is
Be A Reader
Family Subscription Time

Please....Save One Subscription for
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Calendar

January
- New Year's Day
- 1/15-Martin Luther King's Birthday

February
- QSP Kick-Off
- Phonathon begins
- Black History Month
- 2/12-Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14-Valentine's Day
- 2/19-Ash Wednesday
- 2/22-Washington's Birthday

March
- 3/9-Girl Scout Sabbath
- 3/10-Girl Scout Sunday
- 3/12-Girl Scout Birthday
- 3/12-Be Your Best Day
- 3/15 to 17-Spring Fling
- 3/31-Palm Sunday

Summer Camp Staff Openings

Is the cold winter making you turn to thoughts of sunny, warm days? Then consider some of the exciting opportunities available at our camps. The following positions are available and offer competitive salaries and appropriate training certification with such organizations as the Red Cross, National Archery Association, Association for Horsemanship Safety & Education (formerly the Camp Horsemanship Association - CHA) and Project Adventure. Room and board is included at camp Seven Hills. If you are interested in any of these positions listed below, please contact Janet DePetrillo at the Girl Scout council.

Camp Green Lake:
Assistant Camp Director /Project Director
Health Supervisor
Waterfront Director
Assistant Waterfront Director
Lifeguards
Canoeing Instructor
Unit Leaders
Business Manager
Arts/Crafts Director

Camp Seven Hills:
Head Counselor
Farm Specialist
Health Supervisor
Trip Counselor
Waterfront Director
Assistant Waterfront Director
Boating Director
Archery Director
Lifeguard
Unit Leader
Assistant Unit Leader
Junior Counselor
Activity Specialist:
- Recreation
- Drama
- Arts/Crafts
- Nature
- Camp Craft

Ropes Course Assistant
Riding Director
Riding Instructor
Stable Manager
Counselor in Trng. Director
Business Manager
Dining Hall Manager
Head Cook
Assistant Cook
Kitchen Aide
Handy Person
Camp Aide
Program Assistant
Administrative Assistant

Camp Director position available:
The Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County is seeking a candidate who possesses the knowledge and skills to run a successful residential summer camp. Some pre-season duties are required. Very strong skills in leadership, administration and staff supervision are needed along with strong organizational skills. A background in the Girl Scout Camping Program is very much desired, but not required. If interested, please send a resume, cover letter and three references to:
Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc.
70 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214
Attn: Janet M. DePetrillo, Director of Outdoor Programs

Health Supervisor positions available:
The Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. Is seeking Health Supervisors who possess the knowledge and skills to operate a successful residential summer camp and/or day camp infirmary. Current and up-to-date certification in the medical field is required. Our resident camp has brand new facilities. This is the perfect summer job for people who love children and the outdoors. If interested, please contact Janet DePetrillo at 837-6400.

Strike a Pose!

Are you the designated shutterbug at family picnics, birthday parties and other special events? Do you enjoy looking through memorable photos of friends, family and fun? Did you ever consider advertising, merchandising or professional photography as a career option? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you cannot afford to miss this Girl Scout program opportunity.

Earn your Photography Interest Project/Patch and use your new skills to enhance or record Girl Scout Silver or Gold award projects. CEPA (Center for Exploratory and Perceptual Art) Galleries of Buffalo is providing four (4) four-hour blocks of instructions and hands-on training in photography. During these sessions with your camera, you will learn about lighting, focusing on depth and field, shutter speeds and point of view. You will also learn to develop your own black and white film, make contact sheets from the negatives, produce 8x10 prints and mount them for an exhibition of your finished products at the CEPA Gallery.

This program is scheduled to run each Sunday in February 1996 and requires attendance at all four sessions to fulfill all activity requirements toward your Photography Patch/Interest Project. The fee for this four-week program is $40.00 per girl. Girl Opportunity Funds are available to offset this cost with the proper application.

For further information and confirmation of dates and times, call 837-6400 ext. 274. For immediate application, fill out the program-option registration form from any issue of the *Perspectives*.

Protect Yourself

Considering the overwhelming response to the Fall Personal Safety and Self Defense Programs, two additional programs have been scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 1996 and Saturday, March 9, 1996. For Juniors, the sessions will begin at 10:00 am and for Cadette/Seniors the sessions will begin at 1:00 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Girl Scout Service Center.

There is a maximum capacity of 15 girls per session, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. Look for all the details and registration form in the spring *Perspectives*.

Buffalo/Hamilton Exchange Weekend

Host families are needed! Share in the rewarding Girl Scout/Girl Guide experience and be a part of an ongoing cultural exchange between Buffalo and Hamilton, Ont. Open your home to a Cadette or Senior Girl Guide from Hamilton for the weekend and let her learn about you, your family, and your community. At the same time you can learn about your Girl Guide's customs and interests.

The exchange will take place the weekend of March 22-24, 1996. If you are interested in participating, please apply to the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. 70 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Go for the Gold!

A warm invitation is being extended to all recipients of a Gold Award, First Class, Curved Bar and the Golden Eaglet to become Charter Members of the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County Gold Award Alliance.

The Girl Scout Gold Award Alliance was established for those who have received the highest awards available to them in Girl Scouting (Gold Award, Golden Eaglet, First Class and Curved Bar). The Alliance will help support girls currently working towards their Gold Award and will ultimately enhance the overall recognition of the Girl Scout Gold Award throughout all communities.

The Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County has recently been accepted to participate in the initial phase of organizing the Alliance, which includes identifying former recipients of these high awards. All award recipients are invited to participate.

Please contact the Program Department with your name, address and phone number, the award you received, where you received the award and the date. We look forward to hearing from you!

Resource Library Opens with New Look

How appropriate that the council's new Girl Scout Volunteer Resource Library had its grand reopening on October 31, Juliette Gordon Low's birthday. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony, which officially opened the Library, were "Juliette Gordon Low" (Tina Richthammer), Executive Director Simone Mitchell-Peterson; and Program Assistant Kathy Hawerbier.

Some of the hundreds of books available at the Resource Library include: *Black Women of America*, a two volume historical encyclopedia; *The Earth Book; A Dipper Full of Stars;* and *Techniques of Fashion Merchandising*. An extensive selection of materials is also available on Native Americans, arts and crafts, cooking, recipes and nutrition, drama, plays, poetry, songs and biographical information on Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, Juliette Gordon Low and the Four World Centres of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. As if that weren't enough, volumes of *Girl Scout Leader* magazines (as far back as 1933), Daisy magazines, Girl Scout council newsletters and more are available with activities, adventures and planning suggestions for troop scheduling.

In addition, Resource Boxes are available for previewing before reserving them (the VCR is available in the Resource Library). You may also review the activities handouts and skim through the Facilitator's Guide to confirm activities. Please make an appointment through the Program Department to do so. If you wish to reserve a Resource Box, please follow the appropriate reservation policy and guidelines.

Currently, books at the Library are not available for lending and must remain in the library. However, anyone wishing to browse through the Resource Library is welcome to stop by the council, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 PM. If you need help locating a specific title or subject, you may call the Program Department or your Membership Specialist for assistance.

We are very excited to offer the Resource Library and welcome your comments and suggestions so that we may serve you better. The Library also welcomes donated reference materials, but may not be able to accept all donations due to the room's limited space. However, if you think you have a valuable resource that would be beneficial to Leaders and in preparing troop activity calendars, please call the Program Department to make arrangements for receipt of your donation or to answer any questions.

Kathy Hawerbier, Simone Mitchell-Peterson and "Juliette Gordon Low" kick-off the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Preserve Our Past

Are you or is someone you know:

- Over 70
- A former Girl Scout
- Willing to share memories with present Girl Scouts

The History and Archives Committee of the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County would like to visit with you and record your Girl Scouting experiences. Please contact: Tina Richthammer, Chair of the History and Archives Committee, at 684-6088.

Wish List

Children aren't the only ones who have created a wish list this holiday season. The Girl Scout council has also comprised a wish list of items needed to better serve our members. Should you come across any of the following items in your homes or offices, that are in good working order and are not being used, won't you consider donating them to our council? Your generosity would be greatly appreciated and duly noted.

- modems
- computers
- laptop computers
- software
- printers
- file server
- tape backup
- CD Rom
- VCR's
- display boards
- car phones
- televisions
- backpacks

Passport to the Past

Travel back in time to Savannah in the 1880's and experience a day in the life of Juliette Gordon Low. Every November, approximately 125 Cadette, Senior and adult Girl Scout members throughout the nation participate in this special Wider Opportunity and do just that.

"Passport to the Past" is a weekend-long event where participants learn to dance, sing and act as Juliette and her contemporaries did 100 years ago. On the first day, participants don Victorian costumes, play parlor games, do period arts and crafts, tour the DeSoto Hotel, enjoy afternoon tea and attend a costume "ball" and banquet.

On the second day, dressed in Girl Scout uniforms, the group will visit the Gordon family's home parish and other area churches, tour Savannah while learning the early history of Girl Scouting, Juliette Low and the Gordon family. Also included is a presentation by area lady blacksmiths hosted by the Coastal Heritage Society. The event will conclude with a rally in Forsyth Park similar to ones that early Girl Scouts attended for a Girl Scouts' Own and Pinning Ceremony.

Due to its popularity, there are a limited number of spots available; applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. While the event takes place on November 8-10, 1996 and November 7-9, 1997, planning early is recommended to reserve a spot on this historical trip. If you are interested in attending, please call the council immediately for an application. Applications must include the Wider Opportunity registration form, a copy of the GSUSA membership registration form, a personal recommendation from someone other than a family member or other applicant, and the program fee of $125.00 per person. For more information, please call Jill Townson at 837-6400.

Bound for the Atlanta Olympics

Be a part of Olympic history. The Northwest Georgia Girl Scout Council, Inc. is delighted to invite Girl Scouts from across the nation to use Camp Timber Ridge as a base site while visiting Atlanta for the 1996 Olympics. Platform tents may be reserved by your troop or group for the number of nights you will be in the Atlanta area.

Camp Timber Ridge is owned and operated by the Northwest Georgia Girl Scout Council and is located about a half hour from Atlanta. The camp is accessible to major highways in the area and located about 20 minutes away from a MARTA (rapid rail system) which provides easy access to and from Atlanta. Food service will be available to groups at camp, however, groups may also choose to cook in their units. All groups should be prepared to share the unit facilities with other groups.

For reservation and additional information, please contact Kate Kearney, Timber Ridge Program Center Director, at 404-527-7527.

Girl Scout Night

Enjoy a special "Girl Scout Night" with the women's basketball team of the University of Buffalo, January 13, 1996 at the Alumna Arena. Free admission will be given to all Girl Scout troops that RSVP by January 6. Special recognitions and prizes as well as an opportunity to meet the players--some of whom were Girl Scouts themselves, are just some of the things planned for the event. Watch for the "Girl Scout Night" flyers in December or call the Program Department at 837-6400. Hope to see you there!

Child Abuse Awareness

The prevention of child abuse is always a priority. As adult members, we are in a unique position of being "trusted adults" to a large number of girls and we may one day find ourselves having to cope with and confront this sensitive issue. Therefore, we need to be aware of what child abuse is, what its symptoms are, what to do if a girl confides in you she is being abused and what the procedures are when you suspect abuse exists.

The total impact of child abuse cannot be fully assessed since many cases go unreported. Some alarming facts are:

• As many as 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys have a sexually abusive experience before the age of 18 (real incidents of abuse are much higher but many cases go unreported).

• In cases of sexual abuse, 85% involves a relative, family, friend or someone else that child knows well.

Given the magnitude of these numbers, the Girl Scout resource, *Contemporary Issues: Staying Safe* addresses specific issues concerning the signs, symptoms and descriptions of physical abuse, physical neglect, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment. Because studies indicate that girls are better equipped to protect themselves when their self-esteem is high, this resource also provides specific tips for Girl Scout Leaders on how to develop girls' self-confidence.

Every troop has received a copy of *Contemporary Issues: Staying Safe*. Please refer to it often and try to carry out the simple, quick program ideas provided for all age levels of Girl Scouting. Doing so could help save a child from abuse.

If you suspect child abuse, please contact the New York State Child Abuse Hot Line at 1-800-342-3720. Upon completion of your call, please contact the Director of Membership Development, Deb Corcoran at 837-6400 ext. 268.

Please note, when confronted with a report of child abuse, do not give any written or verbal statements or information to news media outlets or the general public. All statements will be handled by the council's spokesperson, the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director. In order to respond appropriately, any report of child abuse should only be forwarded to the proper authorities such as the police, child abuse authorities, or report person on the above procedure.

For more information on child abuse prevention training, look for the spring issue of the *Perspectives* or call Jae Frost, Director of Adult Development.

Girl Scouting...Keeping Up With the Times

Values and lifestyles have changed over the years. Therefore, the need for Girl Scouting has become more valuable in ensuring the healthy development of young women today. Listed below are some ways Girl Scouting responds to our changing world to help girls overcome the contemporary obstacles they face today.

•Health problems among children, especially those whose families cannot afford medical care, present a challenge for Girl Scouting. By using the Contemporary Issues booklet *Developing Health and Fitness: Be Your Best!*, Girl Scout councils can help girls prevent illnesses and be proactive in developing a healthy lifestyle.

•Sexual Harassment is a serious problem, one that affects girls in school and women in the workplace. Girl Scouting can help girls develop the confidence and skills needed to cope with sexual harassment should it occur.

•Since child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, and teen pregnancy are continuing problems, Girl Scout programs can play a vital role in girls' lives, fostering self-respect and sound decision-making. GSUSA's Contemporary Issues publications are especially relevant to these problems.

•GSUSA and councils can support the healthy use of leisure time by using Girl Scout programs for girls, including physical activities, and providing a range of volunteer opportunities for adults.

LOOK for the next issue of the EXPRESS to be released in April.
If you have a story you'd like to submit, we'd be happy to consider it. Please submit articles by February 23, 1996.

Black History Month

A Celebration of Black Women

February will be here before you know it and with it comes the celebration of Black History. In honor of this month, we wanted to profile a few books chronicling the lives of several outstanding African-American women who overcame barriers to achieve both societal and personal success. The following is just a small sampling of the many books available in your local bookstores or libraries for you to enjoy.

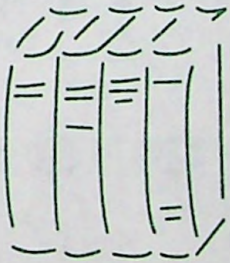
Epic Lives: One Hundred Black Women Who Made a Difference, by Jessie Carney Smith. A compilation of women both widely recognized and unsung heroes who have made significant strides in fields ranging from aeronatuics to the arts to civil rights. A picture of each woman accompanies her biography.

Fannie Lou Hamer and the Fight for the Vote, by Penny Coleman. A historical account of Hamer, who risked her life to organize Mississippi Blacks to secure the right to vote in the 1960's.

Madame C.J. Walker: Building a Business Empire, by Penny Coleman. Walker, a keen business woman, developed her own line of homemade beauty products specifically for African Americans. By 1920, she became the first self-made female millionaire in the United States.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, by Margaret J. Goldstein and Jennifer Larson. The four-time Olympic track medal winner shares her experiences on becoming an Olympic champion and how she works with youngsters to achieve their dreams.

Her Stories, by Virginia Hamilton. This award-winning author's latest book is a collection of 19 legends, fairy tales and animal stories for ages 8 to 80 that feature a female protagonist.



Shirley Chisholm: Teacher and Congresswoman, by Catherine Scheader. This biography tells how Chisholm, the first Black woman to run for president of the United States, started as a teacher, was elected to Congress and continues today to work to strengthen education and to help the poor.

Maya Angelou, by Nancy Shuker. A biography of the famous author, poet, musician and actress, Angelou tells a powerful story of her struggles as a woman, as a mother and as an artist.

A Picture Book of Sojourner Truth, by David A. Adler. An introduction to the visionary woman, born into slavery, who became an outspoken abolitionist and crusader for the rights of all women and African Americans.

Getting Involved

Listed below are just some of the exciting activities you and your troop can undertake in celebration of Black History Month.

- Go on a scavenger hunt to find historical markers of underground railroad sites in Western New York. A good resource is the Buffalo Historical Society.
- Make a list of contributions which Black Americans have made to our society in the areas of law, arts, horticulture, business, religion, etc.

- Prepare a meal featuring traditional African dishes.
- Explore the world of African arts and culture such as learning about Masai collar necklaces, dashikis (ceremonical shirts), kentes (sarong dresses), and African music and dance.
- Play some traditional African games such as marbles, hopscotch, soccer or jump rope.
- Have a story hour featuring African and African American folk tales.

WIVB-TV News Anchor and former Girl Scout Carol Jasen, (seated center), will serve as Honorary Chairperson for the council's Annual Giving Campaign which kicked-off December 1, 1995. Pictured left to right are: Cadette Girl Scout Jacqueline Anderson and Development Committee Members Shirley S. Jones, Cindy Vastola-Lancaster, Charles J. DiVencenzo, Jr., Victoria DeBerry, and Elfriede Barker. Not pictured are Ed Carlsen, Sr., Lisa Foti, Jeanine Purcell-Welborn and Iris "Rusty" Zackheim.

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